

Conservation Commission

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The primary function of the Conservation Commission is to preserve and protect the local wetland resource areas, as defined in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Since Colonial times, Massachusetts has lost nearly one third of its wetlands. The loss of wetlands means the loss of the important benefits they provide. This includes the protection of water quality and water supplies, storm water and flood damage prevention, and the protection of wildlife and plant habitat. Our goal is to protect the community's natural resources for present and future generations.

The Conservation Commission is composed of appointed town officials who serve as unpaid volunteers. The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month for the conduct of regular business and for public hearings. When necessary, meetings may be scheduled on alternate dates. This year twelve regular meetings and two special meetings were held, and there were 73 projects filed with the Conservation Commission in 2003. Most of the projects involved the construction of subdivision roads and single-family homes, as listed below:

- Chris Muello – Removal and replacement of trees and associated site work at 46 Walnut Street
- Stephen & Kathryn Todd – Construction of a deck at 36 Thomas Farm Circle

- Philip Heywood – Determine if there are areas subject to the Wetlands Protection Act at 295 Boylston Street
- Mark & Pam Fisher – Construction of a swimming pool at 12 Kemble Drive
- Stephen & Marianne Davis – Construction of a garage at 44 Lamplighter Drive
- Lawrence Thout – Construction of a single family dwelling at 7 Purinton Street
- Peris & Sons Builders, Inc. – Construction of a single family home at 80-82 Main Circle
- James Aulenback – Construction of a single family house at 83 Spring Street, Lot 1
- Lawrence Price – Construction of a deck at 332 South Quinsigamond Avenue
- James Doherty – Construction of a garage addition at 86 Lakeside Drive
- Greenleaf Farms Development Corp. – Construction of a subdivision roadway at 86 Elm Street (Silver Gate Farm)
- SSR Apartment Value Fund II – Construction of a 108 unit residential development and clubhouse at Yorkshire Terrace
- Tip Pond Corp. – Construction of a single family house at Lot 1 Silver Gate Farm
- Tip Pond Corp. – Construction of a single family house at Lot 2 Silver Gate Farm
- Tip Pond Corp. – Construction of a single family house at Lot 4 Silver Gate Farm
- Kris Vokes – Construction of a house addition at 33 Bay View Drive
- Brian Fleming – Construction of two additions to the existing dwelling at 15 Huntington Road
- Liberty Assembly of God – Construction of additional parking and landscaping at 495 Hartford Turnpike
- Culter Brown Realty Trust – Construction of a single family house lot at Lot A Argila Lane
- Summit Ridge Estates, Inc. – Construction of a 54 Lot Subdivision at Summit Ridge Estates, Gulf Street
- Town of Shrewsbury Board of Health – Manage aquatic plant growth in Jordan Pond
- William George – Construction of a single family home addition and deck at 25 Thestland Drive
- Charles Rocheleau – Construction of a replacement septic system at 11 & 11B Shirley Lane
- Tom Brushway – Construction of a play set at 16 Lexington Road
- Toll Brothers, Inc. – Construction of a catch basin and drain pipe at Jane Street
- Tip Pond Corporation – Construction of a driveway and utilities at 3 Tip Pond Road

- Worcester Business Development Corporation – Construction of an approximately one mile long connector road
- Brian Fleming – Construction of a retaining wall at 15 Huntington Road
- David Zukowski & Kate Meloche – Repair of an existing retaining wall at 15 Forest Avenue
- Tip Pond Corporation – Construction of a two-story office building with two parking areas at 307 Grafton Street
- Florence Sairs – Construction of a garage and driveway at 75 Mercury Drive
- Signature Homes – Construction of a single family home at Lot 2 Walnut Street
- Stephen Flynn – Construction of a single family home addition at 23 Nelson Point Road
- Paul J. Sheehy – Construction of two single family residences at 449 Walnut Street
- Scott Ayers – Construction of a single family home addition at 15 Lamplighter Drive
- Catherine & William Peters – Construction of a swimming pool at 10 Weagle Farm Road
- Town of Shrewsbury Water & Sewer Department – Construction of cross-country sanitary sewer utility near Shady Lane, St. James Street, Hapgood Way, Monroe Street, Richard Avenue, and Edgewood Road
- Town of Shrewsbury Police Department – Construction of a boathouse at 122 South Quinsigamond Avenue
- Fran Zarette – Construction of a single family home, driveway, and utilities at Lot 1 Gold Street
- Fran Zarette – Construction of a single family home, driveway, and utilities at Lot 2 Gold Street
- Fran Zarette – Construction of a single family home, driveway, and utilities at Lot 3 Gold Street
- Park Grove Realty Trust – Construction of a handicap ramp to an existing bandstand at Dean Park, 805 Main Street
- Mass Highway – Milling and resurfacing I-290.
- Philip Simoneau – Construction of a garage addition at 110 Sewall Street
- Mark & Therese Podlipec – Construction of a single family home addition at 15 Meadow Lane
- William & Nicole Uzell – Construction of a swimming pool at 69 Hillando Drive
- Joseph & Karen Walsh – Construction of a swimming pool at 34 Rockwell Drive
- Matthew & Christine Howard – Construction of a paved roadway and single family house at 100 Prospect Street and Howe Road.

- Cutler Brown Realty Trust – Construction of a wetland replication area on the Phase I and Phase II open space parcel at the Stonybrook Farm Subdivision
- Florence Holland Sairs – Construction of a garage and driveway at 75 Mercury Drive
- Robert Murphy and Fern Nissim – Construction of a fence, dock, and the repair of an existing retaining wall at 84 Lakeside Drive
- Toll Brothers, Inc. – Construction of a single family home at combined lots 107 & 108 in the Prospect Hill Subdivision
- Gerardo Sarli – Review of the delineation of a boundary of a resource area at 10 Colonial Way
- Raymond Dunn – Determine if proposed work at 10 Spring Meadow Lane is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act
- Diane Russell – Construction of a single family home, garage, and utilities at 32 Clews Street
- Peris & Sons Builders, Inc. – Construction of a single family home at Lot 3 Brook Street
- Peris & Sons Builders, Inc. – Construction of a single family home at 24 Brook Street
- South Street Realty Trust – Construction and conversion of an existing building into a private school, construction of a meeting hall, an addition, two residential units, associated parking lots, drainage facilities, and utilities at 435 South Street
- Town of Shrewsbury Water & Sewer Department – Construction of drainage utilities at St. James Road
- Joseph & Catherine Carroca – Construction of a swimming pool at 58 Hillando Drive
- Daniel Laba – Construction of a foundation wall at 22 Norcross Point
- Peris & Sons Builders, Inc. – Construction of a single family home at Lot 2 Brook Street
- Douglas Oakes – Construction of a house addition at 353 Grafton Street
- Robert Franchi – Construction of a swimming pool at 41 Westview Avenue
- Kelly Marcimo – Construction of a swimming pool at 189 Gulf Street
- M.D. Harrington Development, Inc. – Construction of a single family home at Lot 3, 93 Oak Street
- M.D. Harrington Development, Inc. – Construction of a single family home at Lot 4, 94 Oak Street
- Polito Development Corporation – Tree clearing at 239 Cherry Street
- Tip Pond Corporation – Construction of a two-story office building, parking area, septic leaching field, and drainage system at 307 & 308 Grafton Street

- Sage Investors, Inc. – Construction of a commercial building and parking lot at 360 Hartford Turnpike
- Iqbal Ali – Construction of a retaining wall and grading at 14 Keyes House Rd.
- Pike Realty Trust – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation at 731-735 Boston Turnpike
- Town of Shrewsbury – Construction of a booster station and approximately 7,000 linear feet of water main from Oak Street along Route 9 to Route 140, Lamplighter Drive from Melody Lane to Seton Drive, and along Seton Drive from Lamplighter Drive to Brentwood Drive

Recently the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set a new standard for regulating storm water, known as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Regulations. The NPDES program is designed to protect our natural resources, including Lake Quinsigamond and the Town's drinking water supply wells, from contaminated storm water. Storm water may contain high levels of contaminants, such as suspended solids, nutrients, heavy metals, pathogens and toxins. Storm water pollution accelerates the eutrophication process in many lakes and ponds. Eutrophication results in heavy weed growth and thereby jeopardizes wildlife habitat and recreational uses. The Conservation Commission and the Town Engineering Department are working together to improve storm water quality. Since 1997 the Conservation Commission requires new subdivision and commercial projects to meet the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy requirements. This policy was created by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and assists the Town in achieving the goals under the NPDES program. The Town is also working on implementing a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program that will have the ability to create maps of the drainage utilities in town. With the aid of GIS we will have a greater awareness of the location of storm water discharges and what impacts it may have on the environment, as well as the ability to respond quickly in the event of a waste spill or another related emergency.

In May, the Commission again sponsored the stocking of Brook Trout and Rainbow Trout in Mill Pond. As in past years the Town and the Wheelabrator Corporation jointly funded this effort.